

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 0050 with the following replacement paragraph:

[0050] FIG. 13 shows the third embodiment in position at the commencement of a drilling operation. For ease of reference, like or similar parts will be referenced by the same reference numerals as in the previously described embodiments. In this embodiment the previously described outer tube 20 is replaced by a telescopic tube arrangement comprising at least two tubes 42, 43. The upper telescopic tube 42 is fastened to the hammer drill 19 and the lower telescopic tube 43 is connected to the tube 42. The lower telescopic tube 43 is secured to the upper telescopic tube 42 by means of a screw 46 that penetrates an elongate slot 45 provided in the upper telescopic tube. This slot 45 is sufficiently long to permit the tubes 42, 43 to telescope as the drilling tool 2 moves to a predetermined depth defined by stops 47, 48. The telescoping movement of the tubes 42, 43 is made against a spring ~~44~~ 45 that biases the lower telescopic tube 43 to its fully extended position.